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RE: SN 09/273,164 "COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR EARLY PREGNANCY
DIAGNOSIS" – Roberts, et al. (Client Ref. 97UMCO34)

Commissioner:

Please find enclosed:

1. An Amendment & Request for Reconsideration Under 37. C.F.R. §1.113 to the Examiner's final Office Action dated January 2, 2002;
2. Appendix A – Marked Up Copy of Claims;
3. Appendix B – Clean Copy of Claims;
4. Appendix C – Encarta™ online dictionary listing of the term "about";
5. Appendix D – Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary™ listing of the term "about";
6. Notice of Appeal;
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Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10012519/10056/10056.

Respectfully submitted,



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Encl.: As noted